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Airport celebrates 30 years of Delta partnership

Thirty years ago on Sept. 8, 1979, Delta Air Lines commenced daily scheduled passenger service between Daytona Beach Regional Airport and Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport. On the same day in 2009, the Volusia County Council and the community gathered at Daytona Beach International Airport (DBIA) to recognize the milestone.

"We thank Delta for sticking with DBIA and Volusia County during good and tough times," said County Chair Frank Bruno. "We are pleased they continue to serve our community. Thank you, Delta!"

County Council members, DBIA officials, Delta representatives, and the public celebrated Delta's three decades of service at the airport with a proclamation, refreshments and ticket and prize giveaways.

Passengers on the 6 and 7 a.m. Delta flights departing from DBIA also were treated with breakfast at the gate, compliments of Delta and the airport. A water salute marked the 6 a.m. flight departure.

"We have a great relationship with this community, and the airport has been willing to work with us and is a great partner," said Steve Smith of Delta. "We enjoy that relationship."

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30 REASONS TO CELEBRATE DELTA'S SERVICE TO COMMUNITY
Volusia County Council, community join in celebration

PILOT ZONE SERVES AVIATION COMMUNITY
Company has been in business for six years

Pilot Zone open on DBIA property

For six years, the Daytona Pilot Zone has been serving the aviation community of Daytona Beach and beyond. A specialty retail shop for aviation enthusiasts, flight students and pilots, the Pilot Zone sells airplane models, charts, headsets, flight jackets, research material, books, apparel, sunglasses and gift items.

The Zone recently relocated to the airport at 1740 Richard Petty Blvd.

Owners Karen Bures and James Kenning have signed a one-year contract with the airport.

Construction progresses on ERAU aviation complex

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) has broken ground on a state-of-the-art aviation complex. Named for James Hagerdorn, chairman, CEO, and president of Scotts Miracle-Gro and an Embry-Riddle alumnus and trustee, the facility will be a 96,000-square-foot, three-building facility that will house the campus's flight training operations, aircraft maintenance training, and a fleet maintenance hangar. Hagerdorn pledged $2.5 million to the construction. The total estimated cost of the complex is $26 million.

"It's about the students, education and developing the next generation of aviation," said Hagerdorn of the new aviation complex. "This donation to ERAU will help tomorrow's pilots realize their dreams."

The James Hagerdorn Aviation Complex will feature two primary buildings, 35,000 square feet of conjoined hangars and complex that will house maintenance operations and more; and a 60,000-square-foot flight dispatch and planning area.

"These new buildings will allow us to expand in a significant way and further our vision for the College of Aviation," said Tim Brady, Dean of the college.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE STUDENTS
ERAU's newest aviation complex quickly is becoming a reality

CUSTOM CUSTOMER SERVICE TO THE ISLANDS
AirGate Aviation provides customized flights for customers to the Bahamas

AirGate celebrates first year at DBIA

AirGate Aviation provides convenient transportation for customers who travel to the Abacos and charter services to customers traveling in the southeast United States. In August, the carrier celebrated its first anniversary at DBIA.

"Our idea is simple: to make on-demand, private air travel more convenient, flexible, comfortable and cost efficient," said AirGate Aviation President Frank Norman. "By using smaller, multi-engine piston aircraft and serving a vast network of small airports, we are able to offer more choices that can contribute to valuable savings for a corporation."

AirGate is offering two roundtrip flights Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from DBIA's international terminal. The fleet includes three Cessna 414A aircrafts.

For flight reservations call (407) 585-3546 or visit airgatecharter.com. For full DBIA flight schedules visit flydaytonafirst.com.

Delta

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Delta and Delta's 12 Skyteam airline Partners and Associates serve 567 world-wide destinations in 112 countries providing 16,000 daily flights. Because of this global status, Delta's Daytona Beach service allows citizens to connect to nearly 200 destinations everyday through the Atlanta hub.

Airport welcomes vets for fourth Volusia Honor Air flight

On Oct. 3, 101 World War II veterans and their 40 guardians boarded a charter plane at DBIA bound for Washington, D.C., on a once-in-a-lifetime trip. The group traveled to visit national memorials honoring their service and fallen comrades as part of the Volusia Honor Air. It was the fourth flight of the program. Volusia County Chair Frank Bruno and County Council Member Patricia Northey traveled with the veterans on this memorial flight.

The Volusia County Sheriff's Office honor guard welcomed the veterans as they traveled through a dedicated security checkpoint at the airport. Anticipation rose in a pre-boarding reception inside DBIA's terminal as the vets enjoyed a buffet breakfast.

By 6 a.m. the group had entered the jetway to board a US Airways charter flight. A water cannon salute by Volusia County Fire Services provided an inspirational flight sendoff for all.

While at the nation's capital, the veterans visited the WWII Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Wall and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The group arrived home around 9 p.m. the same day.

WWII VETERANS SEE CAPITOL ON D.C. DAYTRIP
County Council member Pat Northey, second from right, was a guardian

Volusia Honor Air flights are organized by the Rotary Clubs in DeLand. The organizers raise funds – about $700 per veteran – to escort the servicemen and women to the capital. Escorts, called guardians, pay their own way. The next charter flight will be May 8.

FAA test facility research expands in DBIA's international terminal

The air navigation systems that guide the world's aviation highways are being transformed from a land-based to a satellite-based air navigation system. The research that some day will lead to a nationwide system overhaul is happening today at the NextGen test bed facility inside the DBIA international terminal.

The Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) is a transformation of the National Airspace System (NAS), including our national system of airports, using 21st century technologies to ensure future safety, capacity and environmental needs are met.

"Airport delays repeatedly impact passenger travel and the forecasts of future demand remain high, so new aviation modes are about to take flight, bringing even greater complexity to NAS operations," said NextGen Program Manager Wade Lester at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. "Though staffed by a capable, dedicated workforce, our current air traffic control system is not scalable or flexible to keep up with future demand. In addition to improving efficiency and creating additional capacity, NextGen is needed to provide corresponding enhancements to safety and environmental performance."

NextGen's goals will be realized through coordinated efforts by the FAA and the Departments of Transportation, Defense, Homeland Security, and Commerce, as well as NASA and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, according Lester. In 2006, Embry-Riddle teamed with Lockheed-Martin to lead a group of other industry partners in an effort to help advance the FAA's NextGen program. The group formed the Integrated Airport Initiative to add structure to the group. Embry-Riddle then worked with Volusia County and the airport to establish the NextGen test bed in the international terminal.

TRANSFORMATION IN DAYTONA BEACH
The NextGen test bed facility at DBIA is at the leading edge of aviation radar's future

The FAA has contracted with ERAU to conduct NextGen research. Embry-Riddle manages and operates the test bed and the collaboration with industry and government, which has dedicated approximately $10 million in funding support.

"Over the next 18 months we hope to see additional growth as we're asked to conduct more research and demonstrations for the FAA," said Lester. "There is nothing formal, but that's our focus."

Airport wins three-year ground handling contract with Delta

As of Dec. 1, DBIA began providing ground handling services to Delta Air Lines, the airport's largest commercial carrier. Services include baggage handling, ramp and cargo services, aircraft cleaning, and wheelchair and skycap services. Selection of the airport followed a competitive selection process conducted by Delta in October and November.

In 2006, the airport created an airline ground-handling unit named Volusia County Aviation Services (VCAS). Managed by Rich Mather. VCAS previously has served Air Tran Airways, US Airways, IslandPass and other charter operations over the past three years.

The unit was created to contain airline operating costs while providing excellent customer service.

VCAS has all the necessary ground support equipment and personnel to handle airline ground handling needs at DBIA. For the Delta contract, the airport initially is using Delta equipment. In making the transition from Delta's prior contractor, the airport also was able to retain nearly 90 percent of the work force.

GROUND HANDLING COMES IN HOUSE
Airtport secures three-year deal to keep carrier's costs low

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